AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method of auditing an election, said method comprising the steps of:

marking each of a plurality of voted paper ballots with a unique ballot identification,

scanning said plurality of voted ballots and generating ~~a digital picture~~ computer readable visual representations of each of said ballots,

analyzing markings in said visual representations indicating a voter's intent made on said plurality of voted ballots and generating vote data associated with each of said plurality of voted ballots based on said ~~digital pictures~~ visual representations of said ballots,

associating each said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation and corresponding vote data with said voted ballot based on said unique ballot identification.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein said vote data comprises said unique ballot identification.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of storing said ~~digital pictures~~ computer readable visual representation and said vote data in a database.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of storing said ~~digital pictures~~ computer readable visual representation and said vote data in a relational database.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:
retrieving at least one of said ~~digital pictures~~ computer readable visual representations,
displaying said computer readable visual representation and said vote data associated therewith on a display device, and
modifying said vote data associated therewith.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:
retrieving at least one of said ~~digital pictures~~ computer readable visual representations,
displaying said digital picture computer readable visual representation and said vote data associated therewith on a display device,
retrieving the voted ballot associated with said digital picture computer readable visual representation based on said unique ballot identification, and

modifying said vote data associated with said voted ballot and said ~~digital picture~~ computer readable visual representation.

24. (Currently Amended) An election auditing system comprising:

a scanner adapted to generate a ~~digital picture~~ computer readable visual representation of a voted paper ballot,

a processor adapted to analyze markings in said visual representations indicating a voter's intent made on said voted ballot and generate vote data based on said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation of said ballot,

said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation being associated with said vote data and said voted ballot.

25. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 24, further comprising a display device adapted to display at least one said digital picture visual representation and said vote data associated therewith.

26. (Original) A system as in claim 24, further comprising a ballot marking device adapted to mark said voted ballot with a unique ballot identification.

27. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 26, wherein said processor is adapted to associate said unique ballot identification with said vote data and said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation of said voted ballot.

28. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 24, further comprising a storage device for storing said vote data and said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation of said ballot.

29. (Original) A system as in claim 28, wherein said storage device comprises a database.

30. (Original) A system as in claim 28, wherein said storage device comprises a relational database.

31. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 28, further comprising a display device, wherein said processor is adapted to retrieve said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation and said associated vote data, and to display said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation and said vote data on said display device.

32. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 28, wherein said processor is adapted to retrieve at least one of a plurality of records from said storage device, each record comprising vote data and a ~~digital picture~~ visual representation of a voted ballot.

33. (Original) A system as in claim 31, wherein said processor is adapted to modify said vote data.

34. (Original) A system as in claim 26, wherein said processor is adapted to modify said vote data based on a review of the voted ballot associated with said unique ballot identification in said vote data.

35. (Second Amendment) A computer readable medium of instructions for controlling a system to record and audit election results comprising:

a first set of instructions adapted to control said system to generate a ~~digital picture~~ computer readable visual representation of a voted paper ballot, and

a second set of instructions adapted to control said system to analyze markings in said visual representation made on said voted paper ballot and generate vote data based on said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation of said voted ballot, and associate said vote data with said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 35, further comprising a third set of instructions adapted to control said system to display at least one said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation and said vote data associated therewith.

37. (Original) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 35, further comprising a fourth set of instructions adapted to control said system to mark said voted ballot with a unique ballot identification.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 37, wherein said fourth set is further adapted to control said system to associate said unique ballot identification with said vote data and said ~~digital picture~~ visual representation.

39. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 35, further comprising a fifth set of instructions adapted to control said system to store said vote data and said ~~digital picture~~ <u>visual representation</u> in a storage device.

40. (Original) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 39, wherein said storage device comprises a database.

41. (Original) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 39, wherein said storage device comprises a relational database.

42. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 39, further comprising a sixth set of instructions adapted to control said system to retrieve at least one record from said storage device, said record comprising a ~~digital picture~~ <u>visual representation</u> of a voted ballot and vote data associated with said digital picture <u>visual representation</u> and said voted ballot.

43. (Original) A computer readable medium of instructions as in claim 42, further comprising a seventh set of instructions adapted to control said system to receive an input, and modify said vote data based on said input.